



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS: Pressure injuries, often known as bedsores, are areas of damaged skin that occur from prolonged stagnation. Pressure injuries are responsible for the deaths of more than 60,000 people each year and cost the American healthcare system over \$11 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: The symptoms of bedsores vary depending on the extent of tissue damage and the severity of the injury. Symptoms are classified in four stages and by stage three, bedsores may extend into the tissue and lead to life-threatening ulcers; and

WHEREAS: Prevention and greater public awareness are necessary to reduce the incidence of pressure injuries and the pain associated with bedsores and ulcers; and

WHEREAS: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services noted that no other preventable injuries occur as frequently as those which are pressure-related. The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel is dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure injuries; and

WHEREAS: On Pressure Injury Prevention Day, health care providers, patients, and educational institutions are encouraged to help increase awareness of pressure injuries and to offer information, support, and comfort to those affected by pressure injuries and their loved ones; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017, as PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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